(c) and (d) At present there is a delay of about 9 months due to delay In award of tenders. However, the original date of completion of the project i.e. March, 2005 has not been changed and the delay is expected to be absorbed during its construction period.

Water Problem in Delhi

†3808. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to overcome the problem immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Delhi Jal Board has reported that there is a shortfall of 150 MGD- against the assessed demand for 800 MGD of water in Delhi.

(b) Delhi Jal Board has taken the following measures to overcome the problem:-

1. 20 MGD Water Treatment Plant is being constructed at Bawana and is likely to be completed by the end of 2001.

2. 140 MGD Water Treatment Plant is being constructed at Sonia Vihar and is targeted to be completed by 2003.

3. 100 tube-wells in the flood plain in the river Yamuna near Palla in Alipur Block are proposed to be installed to exploit ground water in the flood plains of the river Yamuna.

4. Recycling of waste water at the existing Water Treatment Plants to yield about 40 MGD.

Guidelines to regularise Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi

†3809. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any guidelines with regard to regularising 1071 unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.